

♣ Community Education Forums ♣

As Jefferson County District Court prepares to reorganize its criminal dockets, we want to educate our community about the changes that will occur beginning August 1, 2011.

We are inviting community leaders and local members of the Kentucky Bar Association to attend one of three community forums.

June 8, 2011, 3-4 p.m.

Jefferson County Judicial Center, Jury Pool Room
700 West Jefferson Street, Louisville

July 12, 2011, Noon-1 p.m.

Louisville Bar Association
600 West Main Street, Louisville

July 14, 2011, 3-4 p.m.

Louisville Bar Association
600 West Main Street, Louisville

For additional information, please contact the Jefferson Court Administrator's Office at 502-595-4588.

♣ In Appreciation ♣

We appreciate our judicial partners who were instrumental in the reorganization of Jefferson District Court.

Jefferson District Court Judges

Jefferson Office of Circuit Court Clerk

Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Jefferson County Public Defender's Office

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Jefferson Court Administrator's Office

Law Enforcement Agencies

Louisville Bar Association

Private Bar

Louisville Metro Criminal Justice Commission

Louisville Metro Department of Corrections

Louisville Metro Police Department

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Jefferson County DISTRICT COURT REORGANIZATION



June 1, 2011
10 a.m.

Jefferson County Judicial Center
700 West Jefferson Street, Louisville, Kentucky



Jefferson County

DISTRICT COURT REORGANIZATION

June 1, 2011, 10 a.m.
Jefferson County Judicial Center
700 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky



Introduction

Justice Lisabeth Hughes Abramson
Supreme Court of Kentucky

Remarks

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.

Chief District Judge Sean R. Delahanty
Jefferson District Court

David L. Nicholson
Jefferson Circuit Court Clerk

Mike O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

Col. John Aubrey
Jefferson County Sheriff

Closing

Justice Abramson

You are invited to a reception in the Judicial Center Training Room
immediately following the ceremony.

♣ A New Day for Jefferson District Court ♣



Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.

As the commonwealth's only truly urban court, Jefferson County is unique in the volume and scope of the cases it handles. The logistics of District Court are especially challenging. The district judges recognize these complex issues and have approached this reorganization with an open mind and an innovative spirit. They collectively redesigned the work of their court so that it will operate more efficiently. Their tremendous undertaking has brought us to this day.

I'm greatly encouraged by what has been accomplished in Jefferson County because of a willingness to take on this problem and find solutions. These changes will benefit the citizens of Jefferson County who use this system and will benefit courts throughout the state who can learn from this model.

Chief District Judge Sean R. Delahanty

After two years of careful planning and often lively discussion, Jefferson District Court will be getting the overhaul it needs. Our judges accepted the challenge to reform the system and I'm especially pleased that this plan has the support of our partners in the legal and law enforcement communities. We're working hard to prepare everyone for the transition and are looking forward to giving people a much improved experience when they come to Jefferson District Court.



♣ Mission of Jefferson District Court ♣

For the first time since the 1975 Judicial Article created Kentucky's four-tiered court system, Jefferson District Court is reorganizing its criminal dockets. This new court model will streamline the administration of justice while maintaining the dignity of District Court.

Our mission is to facilitate public access, enhance judicial accountability and improve the balance of court dockets. This important change in the history of Jefferson District Court will begin August 1, 2011.

District Court is the court of limited jurisdiction and handles juvenile matters, city and county ordinances, misdemeanors, violations, traffic offenses, probate of wills, arraignments, felony probable cause hearings, small claims involving \$1,500 or less, civil cases involving \$4,000 or less, voluntary and involuntary mental commitments and cases relating to domestic violence and abuse. Appeals from District Court decisions are made to the local Circuit Court.